

## BURGLARS FAIL TO ROB THEATRE

Break Into Academy Box Office After Maude Adams Cash.

## USED DIAMOND TO CUT GLASS

Expected Rich Harvest, but \$3,000 Had Been Removed Monday Afternoon—Key Snapped in Ticket Rack, Which Alone Saved Heavy Loss There.

Following the lure of the gold which moved into the coffers of the Academy of Music Monday through the advance sale of seats for the Maude Adams engagement, and believing a rich haul in prospect, masters of the cracksmen's art entered the Eighth Street playhouse some time Monday night, without being rewarded for their trouble.

How the thieves entered the theatre is still a mystery, the only possible explanation being that they had a key which fitted the doors. No evidence was left to show that any of the entrances had been forced. But an entrance was effected. After a semi-circular piece of glass had been removed by means of a glass-cutter's diamond, the box office was entered and ransacked for specie of the realm. Unfortunately, from the burglar's standpoint, the regular ticket manager of the Academy, the cash drawer had been emptied, as is the usual custom, and all of the money removed to a place of safety behind the doors of a burglar-proof vault.

**Tried to Steal Tickets.**  
Probably chagrined at the absence of money, the marauders sought to break open the ticket rack, holding about \$3,000 worth of tickets for the performance. A key of the ordinary type was inserted in the lock. It was evidently a poor fit, for not only did it refuse to do the work, but actually broke off, leaving an additional expense behind for the broken key had to be removed and another lock substituted.

The attempted robbery was at once reported to the police. Manager Wise was awakened by the janitor, J. O'Clock yesterday morning and greeted with the very pleasant information that his box office had been robbed. Visions of a ticket rack depleted—he knew there was no money about—arose, and there was a rapid scurrying for clothes.

Arriving at the theatre the manager at once began an investigation. He learned little for his pains except that the burglars had been successful in gaining an entrance, but through what means was a mystery. Then the crescent-shaped opening in the ticket rack was discovered. A hasty survey of the office disclosed the fact that the ticket rack was still locked. The cash drawer, of course, was empty. It was then a question of checking the tickets in the rack with what had been sold, in order to determine the extent of the loss. Much to the satisfaction of every one concerned, it was discovered that all tickets were either present or accounted for. Then there was a sigh of relief.

It has not been many months since the Academy was robbed, the same entered and an appreciable sum of money taken. The robber in the first instance has never been apprehended.

**Expected Rich Haul.**  
It is not regarded as remarkable that the burglars should have chosen the night in question for striking the steady stream of people lined in front of the box office purchasing tickets to see Miss Adams, it would have been apparent that there must be on hand a considerable sum of money. As a matter of fact, had not Manager Wise, as is his usual custom, taken the precaution to remove all money from the ticket rack, the thieves would have secured upwards of \$3,000, probably the biggest advance sale for a single day the house has ever known.

Detective John Wiley, from headquarters, was detached on the case, pronounced it one of the nearest jobs he had ever seen. The dexterity of the rogue in gaining an entrance without leaving a mark was commented upon. Evidently the men were after money, for nothing else was molested, though, as stated above, an attempt was made to cut into the ticket rack. Detective Wiley is at a loss how to proceed, for the reason that no clue was left behind.

**New Locks Provided.**  
New locks have been placed on all doors leading to the Academy foyer. This precaution was taken immediately by Manager Wise in order to prevent a repetition of the attempt. It is certain that no one connected with the theatre is connected with the attempted burglary, as all employees are fully aware of the fact that no money is kept on the premises. It is known that several persons entered the theatre after dark, including Mr. Wells, who was in the city attending the Virginia League meeting. However, they found everything all right. The officer on the beat reported that he had tried all of the doors on more than one occasion and found them securely locked.

## ALL HOPE ABANDONED

**Entombed Miners Behind a Thousand Feet of Earth.**  
Starkville, Col., October 11.—Reporting damage to remote workings of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's mine far wider in extent than anticipated immediately after Saturday night's explosion, a shift of rescuers, headed by White House Inspector Jones and General Superintendent Thompson, emerged to-night from the mine. To-night, entombed miners are still being rescued from the mine. They are high with broken timbers and thousands of tons of debris, dislodged by the terrific blast, all hope has been abandoned, and the rescue of the mine. Only eleven bodies have been found thus far.

## HOPE FOR AGREEMENT

**British and American Bankers Confer on Cotton Bills of Lading Dispute.**  
New York, October 11.—A conference relative to cotton bills of lading was held in the morning between Mr. Edward H. Holden, managing director of the London City and Midland Bank, and a number of New York bankers, who are interested in settling the dispute with foreign financial interests over guaranteeing such securities. No definite action was taken toward effecting a settlement, it was announced later, but further conferences are to be held, which may bring an agreement. Such an outcome is strengthened by the statement of Sir Edward that he believed a satisfactory arrangement would be reached.

At today's meeting it is understood the New Yorkers argued that the validation certificate plan, proposed by American bankers, and which would be foreign interests is really the best arrangement possible until better and more uniform State laws are enacted in this country. No attempt was made, however, as to whether the foreign interests are prepared to modify the form of guaranty made in their demands.

## WILL BE SELF-SUSTAINING

**Hitchcock Declares There Will Be No Deficit in Postal Establishment.**  
Washington, D. C., October 11.—Before the close of another fiscal year the Federal postal establishment will become self-sustaining, according to Postmaster-General Hitchcock. This statement was made to-night by Postmaster-General Hitchcock in connection with the announcement that today he had signed the bill for the Department of the Post-Office, Department of the Treasury, in advance of the time fixed by law, his estimate of appropriations for the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year beginning on July 1.

## FOSS MAKES SUGGESTION

**Wants Democratic Convention Reconvened to Name Candidate for Governor.**  
Boston, Mass., October 11.—A suggestion that the Democratic State Convention not later than Saturday next for the purpose of naming a candidate for Governor be reconvened was made by Mr. Foss, in commenting on his plan. "Only by this means, it seems to me, can any candidate of the party now go before the people as the real representative of the Democratic party of this State," Foss had abundant opportunity to make his suggestion, as he was one of the delegates to the convention held last Thursday, and the committee was engaged in the selection of a candidate for Governor has been several days in deadlock for choice between Mr. Foss and Charles H. Hanley.

## Taft's AUTO STRIKES CHILD

**Lead Knocked Down by Car in Which President's Wife is Riding.**  
Beverly, Mass., October 11.—While riding in a motor car, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, at 6 o'clock last night, one of the White House automobiles, occupied by Mrs. Taft and two of her sisters, struck a little six-year-old boy and slightly injured him. Only the quickest stop of work on the part of Abel Long, one of the chauffeurs, saved the child's life.

## ELY GIVES UP ATTEMPT

**Will Not Try to Complete Trip From Chicago to New York.**  
Chicago, Ill., October 11.—Eugene Ely, an aviator, today gave up his attempt to make a flight from Chicago to New York for the \$25,000 prize offered by the Chicago Evening Post and the New York Times. Ely left his aeroplane in a field near South Chicago, twenty-one miles from Hawthorne Park, whence he started Sunday night, and, after a flight of about 100 miles, the machine will be shipped to New York to-morrow.

## BIG TRUST CASES ARE POSTPONED

Action Taken Because of Vacancies on Supreme Court.

## FIRST BUSINESS OF NEW TERM

Standard Oil and Tobacco Suits and Corporation Tax Cases Set for Trial in January. General Readjustment of Important Hearings Made.

## Hearing of Debt Case Is Set for January 16

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, D. C., October 11.—On motion of Attorney-General Clegg, of West Virginia, which was unopposed, the Supreme Court of the United States today postponed the hearing of the case of Virginia against West Virginia, involving a settlement of the long-standing disputed debt question until January 16 next.

## RELIEF IS ARRIVING

**Rainy River, Ont., October 11.—Relief is arriving for the stricken people of Beaudette, Spooner and the Rainy River districts.**  
First to come to the assistance of the people was Fort Frances, Ont., with \$200 cash. Six carloads of supplies have arrived.

## STUDENTS IN BIG CONTEST

**Took Two Days for University College of Medicine to Elect.**  
Resuming yesterday a contest which could not be decided on Monday, students at the University College of Medicine elected Frank M. Dillard, member of the senior medical class, president of the student body by a good majority over W. E. Lawson, of Hampton. Mr. Dillard is from Spotsylvania county, his father, W. G. Dillard, being County Treasurer. With far less excitement, V. M. Pence, member of the senior dental class from Quicksburg, Va., was elected secretary, while W. E. Locke, member of the senior pharmacy class from Woodstock, Va., was named as secretary and treasurer without opposition.

## ROANOKE SHOWS BIG GAIN IN POPULATION

Washington, D. C., October 11.—Population statistics enumerated in the thirteenth census were announced today by the Census Bureau to-night for the following cities:

Roanoke, Va., 34,874, an increase of 13,379, or 62.2 per cent., over 21,495 in 1900.
Tampa, Fla., 38,524, an increase of 22,485, or 145.2 per cent., over 15,839 in 1900.
Louisville, Ky., 223,098, an increase of 19,197, or 0.4 per cent., over 204,711 in 1900.
Lexington, Ky., 35,009, an increase of 6,793, or 33.1 per cent., over 28,216 in 1900.
Charlotte, N. C., 34,014, an increase of 15,923, or 88.0 per cent., over 18,091 in 1900.
Shreveport, La., 28,891, an increase of 12,002, or 75.9 per cent., over 16,889 in 1900.

## FIRE SURVIVORS FIGHT FAMINE

Supplies Rushed to Fugitives, Desperate for Food and Shelter.

## TWELVE TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

Eight Hundred Persons Dead, 2,000 Missing and More Than 5,000 Homeless—Militia Guards Ruins and Takes Charge of Relief Measures.

Washington, October 11.—Another serious forest fire has broken out on the public domain, according to advices reaching the forest service to-night, and is sweeping Big Chief Mountain, in Colorado. Fanned by a high wind, the flames are said to be advancing rapidly. Officials of the forest service have telegraphed for militia. The report of the start and progress of the fire came in a telegram from M. D. McEnery, chief of field division at Denver, Col.

## BET HEAVILY ON COLLEGE VOTING

**Five Hundred Dollars Changed Hands When Dillard Defeated Lawson.**  
At various points in the fire zone, between War Road, Minn., and Rainy River, reports to fire rangers indicate 135 bodies located. Of these, ninety have been recovered, but only fifty identified.

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